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1. FEB 18-21, ALL PRESS TOP-HEADLINED OR PROMINENTLY
FRONT-PAGED WIRE SERVICE EXCERPTS SECDEF BROWN'S FEB 17
HONOLULU REMARKS AND FEB 20 LOS ANGELES SPEECH. FEB 17
REMARKS CITED WERE A) US/ROK MILITARY EXERCISES WILL
CONTINUE TO BE HELD FREQUENTLY EVEN AFTER TROOP PHASEOUT
(B) DECISION TO DEPLOY TWELVE ADDITIONAL F-4 PHANTOMS TO
BOOST USAF/K STRENGTH. HEADLINES ON FEB 20 SPEECH READ
"USAF/K WILL REMAIN INDEFINITELY; US PACIFIC MILITARY
FORCES WILL BE REINFORCED UNDER FIVE-YEAR MODERNIZATION
PROGRAM; AND US EUROPE FORCES WILL BE DEPLOYED IN EVENT
OF ASIA CONTINGENCY."

2. FEB 18, PRESS FRONT-PAGED ORIENT PRESS TORY CITING
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CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAYING HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED TO
COMBINE FY-78 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL WITH \$800
MILLION ROK MILITARY AID BILL DUE TO PTS CASE.

3. WEEKEND PRESS CARRIED STATE DEPT STATEMENT THAT
AMB SNEIDER WILL CONSULT WITH BRZEZINSKI, VANCE, BERGLAND,

AND OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. OFFICIAL SEOUL SINMUN CITES WASHINGTON SOURCES SAYING AMB SNEIDER MET FEB 17 WITH KOREAN AMB KIM YONG-SIK TO COMPLETE FINAL DETAILS OF MEMORANDUM TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN KOREAN EMBASSY AND STATE DEPT. EXPLAINS THAT MEMORANDUM SPECIFIES GUARANTEE OF PHYSICAL SAFETY FOR PTS WHILE IN US AND HIS RETURN TO ROK AFTER TESTIMONY. NOTES IMPOSSIBILITY OF ROKG TO EXCHANGE MEMORANDUM DIRECTLY WITH CONGRESS, THUS STATE DEPT INVOLVEMENT. CONTINUES SIMILAR DOCUMENTS OF AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN LAWYER HUNDLEY, ROK EMBASSY LAWYER GRIFFIN, JAWORSKI, AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE LAWYER SMITH AND THESE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

4. 26-1 PRESS CITES ROKG SOURCE SAYING PTS WILL LEAVE ROK ON FEB 23 WITH THREE-MONTH "CULTURAL PASSPORT" FOR TESTIMONY IN U.S. ADDS EARLIER DEPARTURE THAN PLANNED NECESSITATED BY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN PTS AND HUNDLEY IN HAWAII. PLANNED ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON SET FOR 2/26 AND TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS TO BEGIN 2/28. NOTES RATHER THAN RETURN TO ROK AFTER CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY, PTS WILL REMAIN IN US AND TESTIFY AT FORMER REP. HANNAH'S TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20.

5. ALL 2/21 EDITIONS CARRY STORY THAT WASHINGTON POST REPORTER JOHN SAAR ORDERED TO DEPART ROK LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL. CITES ROKG SOURCE EXPLANATION THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIOR TO COMING TO ROK, SAAR WAS NOTIFIED BY ROKG PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE THAT HE WAS NOT WELCOME BECAUSE OF HIS "PREJUCID REPORTING ON KOREA FOR PAST THREE YEARS". ROKG SOURCE NOTES AMEMBASSY SEOUL WAS INFORMED OF ROKG DECISION, BUT "REFUSED TO INTERFERE" IN CASE SINCE IT WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROK LAW.

6. KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN AND DONGA ILBO CARRIED INTERVIEWS WITH STANDORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FOSTER. PROMINENTLY QUOTE FOSTER SAYING (1) WITHDRAWL OF TROOPS IS "STRATEGIC ERROR": AND (2) US IS WORRIED OVER POSSIBILITY OF ROK NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING WITHDRAWL.
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